

## AUTONOMY FOR CUBA

## VIOLENTLY OPPOSED BY THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Evidence increasing daily that this policy of the Spanish Government will be a failure. A meeting of the Conservatives of Havana. A Resolution Adopted Expressing Determined Hostility to the Cabinet Measures—Death and Burial of the Insurgent, General Castillo.

Havana, October 28.—The failure of the autonomist policy of the new Spanish cabinet seems more and more apparent every day. Discussions are known to exist among the autonomist leaders and the conservatives have pronounced themselves strongly opposed to the granting of an autonomist form of government to Cuba and have, so to say, washed their hands of the consequences which may follow if the government at Madrid persists in carrying out the plans of Premier Sagasta.

The conservatives last night held a meeting in this city, lasting four hours, at which several speeches were made in opposition to the policy of autonomy for Cuba, and it was unanimously agreed that the conservative party should energetically oppose autonomy and the policy of the Sagasta cabinet in this direction. The conservatives also criticized their president, the Marquis Apezteguia, who is now in Madrid, for his autonomist declarations.

Senor Francisco de los Santos Guzman, a leading conservative and deputy, protested strongly against the new policy of the Spanish government, classing it as "political suicide." The speaker warmly criticized the Madrid government because it had not availed itself of the "genuine and historical representation of the autonomist party, which has remained loyal to Spain during the war, in spite of the insults from the rebel junta of New York and Paris," asserting that the government was availing itself of the services of reformists who had suddenly transformed themselves into autonomists, instancing the appointment as general treasurer of Senor Estanislado de Antonio, who was secretary general during the administration of General Callagja in Cuba and during whose term of office the country had been "greatly agitated with reforms," or a campaign in that direction. Continuing, the speaker said the conservatives were greatly annoyed at this policy, as they considered it a mark of approval by the government of the policy of the Callagja administration, a deliberate snub to the conservatives. The speaker concluded by saying that, in spite of this, they must accept the rulings of the government.

Senor Francisco de los Santos Guzman then presented for adoption a message from those present at the meeting to the conservative president, the Marquis Apezteguia, which was unanimously adopted. This message sets forth that the general assembly unanimously agreed with the union constitutional party and not with the autonomist party, objecting to the latter being entrusted with the power here or in Spain, and respectfully declining to accept the responsibility of the results which might follow the establishment of the new policy, while expressing willingness to respect and obey whatever the national government may decide, and expressing disapproval of the rebellious efforts to canvass Spain against the autonomist system of government.

In conclusion the meeting agreed to summon a mass meeting of the conservatives for December 20th, next, in order that the further attitude of their party may be definitely decided upon.

It is announced from Spanish headquarters here that details have been received of the death recently, near the Felicita farm, in the Managua district of this province, of General Castillo, the well known insurgent leader, who was reported killed some time ago, which news was confirmed by the insurgent and advised yesterday. It appears that a Spanish force engaged in escorting a convey of provisions was attacked by the Romeo branch of the insurgent force, and was killed by the insurgents under General Castillo. The extreme advance guard of the Spanish troops, the official report continues, surrounded the insurgents, and the latter, after a short fight, were eventually killed by civil guards and eventually General Castillo was killed, suffering from bullet wounds. In the midst of the fight, it is further officially reported, Captain Medel, of the Spanish troops, cut down and killed Romeo, the insurgent leader. The Spanish troops captured several good horses, including the horse ridden by General Castillo. They were brought to the palace today. A machete and belt, the former having a silver handle, inscribed, "March 4, 1897," fell into the hands of the government troops. March 4th, it is pointed out, was the date of the insurgent entered Cuba, this province. Finally the troops obtained possession of a valuable new dagger and a Smith & Wesson revolver, and a book, printed in English, having in it a note from the insurgent captain, Mario Diaz, giving details of the death of the insurgent leader, Domenech and of an American, named Clyde.

The wife and children of the deceased insurgent officer are said to be living in New York. After the body had been formally identified, the remains of General Castillo were interred at 12 o'clock today in the cemetery of Colon. The body was taken to the grave in the hearse of the morgue and was not enclosed in a coffin, according to custom. On the way to the cemetery, the body of the dead insurgent was protected by a squad of soldiers. The general had a machete wound on his neck and a bullet wound in his right knee, both of which had healed up, in addition to the wound which caused his death. The remains of the general were interred in the elegant uniform of an insurgent brigadier general.

## Attempt to Smuggle Passengers Ashore

Pensacola, Fla., October 28.—The schooner S. E. Egerton, Captain Axelson, of this port, arrived here on the 20th instant from Belize, with a cargo of coconuts and four passengers. She was sent to quarantine for the regular detention before being allowed to land or come to the city, but the next day she sailed for Mobile, which is now an infected port. The health officers here have learned that the vessel anchored west of the mouth of Perdido bay and landed the four passengers in Baldwin county, Alabama. The vessel proceeded, but the passengers were seen by the sanitary guards on the coast and captured.

## Roberson County Fair

The fourth annual fair of the Roberson County Agricultural and Live Stock Association will be held at the enterprising town of Lumber November 3rd, 4th and 5th. A premium list which has been laid on our desk shows that special prizes have been offered for the best tobacco wrappers and cutters, and that 104 special premiums have been offered by fertilizer manufacturers, firms and individuals for specified exhibits. As to other premiums, the executive committee has deemed it best not to offer any fixed premium, but to award premiums on all exhibits which, in their judgment, deserve them. There will be horse racing on all three days of the fair, with purses of \$25.00 to \$75.00 for the winners.

## MISS COLE'S ASSAILANT

The Two Suspected Negroes Taken Before Her—One Discharged—Doubts as to the Other Who is Sent to New Hanover County Jail for Safe Keeping

(Special to The Messenger.)

Rockingham, N. C., October 28.—Early this morning the two negroes brought here by the Maxton Guards were taken before Miss Cole and her sisters and they failed to identify fully either of them. They were not, however, fully satisfied as to the innocence of John Reid, alias John Allspaugh, the "banjo picker." For this reason and because of some circumstantial evidence the authorities deemed it eminently proper to hold him for further developments and sent him to the New Hanover jail for safe keeping until further needed.

Being satisfied as to the innocence of the other negro he was liberated and presented with a railroad ticket and a small sum of money.

Comparative quiet reigns, and when the people generally understand that the fellow Reid is in the custody of the law and that no pains will be spared to make him prove his innocence, they will quietly and willingly await results.

It was rumored last night that this fellow would be forcibly taken from the jail and lynched. If such a thing was contemplated it was prevented through the influence of older and wiser heads. In fact, there has not been a time since the occurrence of this brutal outrage that our citizens would have allowed any man lynched without satisfactory evidence of his guilt. The presence of a military company has never been considered necessary, and its appearance here as such was not agreeable to the majority of the people. It would have been a poor protection to the prisoners. As clever and brave as its members are, it would have been quite an easy task to have taken the prisoner had the crowd felt so inclined. We are a law abiding people, and yet we conceive that under some circumstances even lynchings may be justifiable.

Much credit is due our worthy mayor and his attorney, Cameron Morrison, Sheriff Smith and his assistants, also our clever telegraph operator, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Thompson and other Seaboard Air Line officers.

## Dr. Mott Is With Them

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 28.—Dr. J. J. Mott, ex-chairman of the national silver party, writes Governor Russell a letter in which he commends his fight on railroad monopolies, saying they will try to shape legislation to further oppress the people. They will write laws to be passed affecting their interest and then select judges to interpret the same. Mott declares the railroads are in the way of a change of the money laws. He makes this remarkable statement: "I believe that this Southern Railroad Company was formed with a view to control the politics of enough of these states to prevent a change of the money policy of the government."

Senator Butler will publish this letter tomorrow, of course, with approval, as it shows Mott will be with him and the governor in the new party movement.

## The Pearson-Wilson Case Decided in Favor of the Plaintiff

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 28.—It was expected there would be a long argument today in the superior court here in the case of John H. Pearson against Otho Wilson, involving title to the office of railway commissioner, but none of the counsel spoke save J. C. L. Harris for Wilson. Then Judge Robinson decided the case in Pearson's favor. Wilson promptly appealed to the supreme court. Only one attorney made argument on Pearson's side of the case. There is much talk about the judge's refusal to permit a jury in this case. To his ruling in this manner exception was taken and it will be a strong argument in the hearing before the higher courts. If the case goes against Wilson in the supreme court, he will take it to the United States courts.

## Raleigh's New Daily Newspaper

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 28.—Rumors of a new democratic morning daily here are at last crystallized. A strong stock company is organized and will be incorporated in a day or two. Greek O. Andrews will be manager and have control. The capital stock is \$20,000, taken by prominent and influential democrats all over the state, one-fourth having been taken in Raleigh. The paper will appear about the middle of November and able editorial and news writers are engaged for it. It is stated that its politics will be "straight democratic."

## Judge Robinson Did Not Denounce Russell

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 28.—It has been stated that Judge Robinson had denounced Governor Russell for the latter's actions toward Superintendent Smith, of the penitentiary; but today the judge went to see the governor and denied that he had used any such expression. A well known republican tells of this call and statement.

## A Check for \$6,000,000

New York, October 27.—In anticipation of the sale of the Union Pacific railroad under foreclosure of the government lien, a check for \$6,000,000 was deposited today for the reorganization committee with Special Master Cornish. The check represents 10 per cent. of the sum to be paid for the road, and its deposit was required as a guarantee of a bid to meet the conditions of the sale.

## WHISKEY BUT NO PREACHER

## OF THE TWO, PENITENTIARY BOARD CHOOSE THE FORMER

No Funds to Pay Chaplains, But Can Pay \$132 for a Barrel of Whiskey—A Jury Refused the Defendant in the Pearson-Wilson Case—Mrs. Diegel's Desperate Efforts to Escape From Her Husband—The Prisoner Will Start Up on Full Time—Dr. Gutters Interviewed

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., October 28.

The trial or hearing in the case of John H. Pearson against Otho Wilson, involving title to the office of railway commissioner, which began yesterday, occupied today also. Wilson asked for a jury trial, as Governor Russell did not in his order of suspension say what he was discharged for and Wilson wanted the evidence. But the judge denied the right of trial by jury, two of the counsel for Pearson advising in open court the course to be pursued.

The secretary of state licenses two insurance companies to do business in this state—the National Security Company, of New York; general agent, J. D. Church, of Charlotte, and the Union Assurance Company, of London, T. T. Hay, of Raleigh, general agent.

Much has been said in the papers during the past ten months about Rev. T. W. Babb, an unfrocked Baptist preacher. He was given a place at the penitentiary farms. This was strenuously denied by the fusion administration, but today the exposure came. It was in the shape of the following voucher: "State of North Carolina, debtor to Rev. T. W. Babb, for services as minister at the Halifax farm and the Northampton farm for two and one-half months, ten weeks, at \$6.00 per week, \$66.00." With this was filed the following letter signed by Frank B. Wimble, clerk to the penitentiary, addressed to Babb: "We enclose you pay for services up to this time (October 28th). By the request of the board of directors you will have to hold up preaching for the present. Times are hard and the penitentiary owes a big lot of money. Superintendent Smith requests me to say to you that he would be glad to see you before very long." The idea of actually having such a preacher at the convict camps will give the people of the state a fresh cause for talk, particularly after all the bitter denials. Babb is a devoted friend of Congressman Skinner, and was a hanger-on during the last legislative session. He is a "Pritchard populist."

There is an interesting fact in regard to this voucher for Babb's pay, which Treasurer Worth says, must honor, this being that the voucher, preceding was for \$132 for a barrel of Kentucky whiskey. One of the "roustabouts" at the depot who was unloading penitentiary whiskey recently raised a great laugh by saying he thought North Carolina whiskey good enough for the penitentiary people. People in a position to know assure me that revelations about the penitentiary are only just now beginning.

The wind and rain continue, driving from the north or northeast, as they have steadily done for five or six days. Mrs. Diegel, the wife of the fakir from Columbus, Ohio, who stole his money and with two children eloped and came to the state fair here with "Big Ed" Campbell, another fakir, but who was found and carried away by her husband, made a desperate attempt to escape from him at Greensboro, she ran across the station platform, as if to get aboard another train, but instead, ran into the town and hid under the steps of a restaurant. He lost a day there by this, but kept her under guard and never released his grasp on his two little children. Campbell is at the Rocky Mount fair this week and the woman evidently wanted to get back to him. She is completely infatuated with him.

Firemen say the water pressure here from the water tower has been insufficient at the last two fires. Direct pressure had to be used both times. Colonel Julian S. Carr won no fewer than seventy-seven premiums at the state fair on the "Oconeechee" farm exhibits. He has one of the finest farms in the south—truly a model in all respects.

Governor Russell pardons Sam Haden, a convict from Rowan county. Jacob Klutz, a miser, was found dead in his home in Rowan county. His head was in the fireplace and when the body was lifted the head fell off.

Today the tall walls of the big brick wagon repair shops burned here last week were torn down. They were dangerous. Yesterday part fell and crushed a large section of a warehouse in which 1,700 bales of cotton are stored.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman, a well known preacher, is paralyzed at his home at Charlotte. The paralysis is of the right side.

Dr. Gutters, the yellow fever expert, passed through the state yesterday. He says cold weather is the only thing which can stop the fever. The greatest mistake made was in not diagnosing the first case promptly. He says the worst feature is the refugee, which is the real cause of the spread of the disease. Some of the people who flee have the disease in its first stages.

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## SAFE FROM THE LYNCHERS

John Reid, the Mulatto Banjo Picker, Brought to Wilmington Yesterday to Save Him From the Avengers of the Attempted Outrage on Miss Cole at Rockingham—He Says He Can Prove an Alibi

The agony over the attempted assault on Miss Lizzie Cole at Rockingham, at 6 o'clock last Saturday morning, is over for the present. One of the negroes arrested on suspicion was brought to Wilmington yesterday on the 12:30 o'clock p. m. train and was safely lodged in jail here for safe keeping until the matter is investigated. He was brought by Deputy Sheriff J. P. Cameron.

The prisoner he brought with him is John Reid, the banjo picker, who was arrested at Maxton on Saturday on suspicion of being the assailant of Miss Cole. Sunday's Messenger stated that Reid arrived at Maxton on the 9:30 o'clock a. m. train on Saturday, and was arrested while picking a banjo about the streets of Maxton, and that he was picked up by the special train which passed Maxton that afternoon, taking the bloodhounds from this city to Rockingham to trail the criminal. Sheriff J. M. Smith, of Rockingham, fearing to allow Reid to be taken to Rockingham while such a high state of excitement existed, feeling sure that he would be lynched, took him off the train at Hamlet. He then carried him to Bennettsville, S. C., and put him in jail till Monday. On Monday Reid was taken from Bennettsville to Rockingham, under escort by the Maxton Guards, under command of Captain Jones. In the meantime a negro by the name of Bogan, had been arrested at Monroe, and was taken to Hamlet. At 5 o'clock Monday evening both negroes were taken before Miss Cole by Sheriff Smith and Mayor Everett, under guard by the Maxton Guards. Several hundred men followed and were only waiting to see which one of them the young lady would point out as her assailant, as they intended to lynch him, military or no military. The crowd made threats what it would do, but waited outside the young lady's home while she looked at the prisoners to see if she could identify the right one. She said positively that Bogan was not the man, but that she believed that Reid was the right one. She was, however, not positive.

Before bringing the prisoners out of the presence of the young lady, Mayor Everett came out and addressed a few words to the crowd. He told them that the young lady had failed to identify either one of them, but that it was believed that one of them might be guilty. That it was by no means certain that he was the man and he asked the crowd to wait further investigation, as both of the suspected men would be held safely till every measure had been exhausted to prove that they were not the right men. The prisoners were then taken back and put in jail.

DIDN'T FEAR THE MILITARY.  
The town still remained in a greatly excited condition, and hundreds of men from the town and surrounding country filled the streets around the jail, making threats of what they would do if they were certain of the guilty party. The military remained on duty at the jail all night, and Captain Jones had to use some plain talk at times. He warned the crowd that his company was there to protect the prisoners, and that they intended to do it at all hazards; that they had brought along no blank cartridges, and that if they were compelled to shoot, they would not shoot over anybody's head. The crowd jeered talk like this and were in a bad humor over the idea that the military had been called out to overawe them. Deputy Sheriff Cameron says he is satisfied that if the guilty man had been identified the wretch would have been lynched in spite of the military.

When the two men were taken before Miss Cole Monday evening, she was excited at the sight of the military and the great crowd that had followed. It was therefore decided to take the prisoners before her again yesterday morning. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning the prisoners were again taken from the jail and carried before the young lady. When they were brought out of jail the military formed a line across the street and kept the crowd from following. The men were taken before Miss Cole and she said positively that Bogan was not the man, and he was discharged. As to Reid, she said he favored her assailant, but she was not certain that he was the man.

Reed asserted his innocence and said he could prove an alibi, as he could establish the fact that at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, the time the crime was attempted, he was at Hamlet, six miles away.

There was a big crowd in town, as a circus showed there yesterday, so the authorities deemed it unsafe to take Reid back to town. They therefore put him on board the Seaboard Air Line train which passed Rockingham at 7:40 o'clock a. m. on its way to Wilmington. He was in the company of Deputy Sheriff Cameron, and the Maxton Guards accompanied the prisoner as far as Maxton, where the military was discharged.

It is said that it will be mighty hard for Reid to prove an alibi. He was in Rockingham up to 11 o'clock the night before the assault was committed on Miss Cole. He had been in Rockingham five or six weeks picking a banjo for a medicine vender. While there he boarded at a house which Miss Cole and her sisters had to pass early every morning on their way to the Pee Dee cotton mills, where they are employed. In addition to the recollection of Miss Cole about her assailant, a colored woman named Caroline Wall, saw the man running away from the scene where the assault was made. The prisoner was taken before her, and she says she thinks he is the same man she saw running.

## TALK WITH THE PRISONER.

A Messenger representative talked with the prisoner in jail yesterday evening. He is a bright mulatto, with an open, intelligent countenance, and it would seem that anybody that ever saw him would know him again. He declared that he was innocent, but says he was mighty glad to be taken away from Rockingham. He states that he is from West Virginia; that he is 19 years of age, and travels around the country with a doctor who sells medicine. He says he left Rockingham at 11 o'clock Friday night (the night before the attempted assault) and went to Hamlet on the Atlanta special. He expresses his confidence in being able to prove that he was in Hamlet at 6 o'clock on Saturday morning. As Hamlet is only six miles away from Rockingham, he could have reached there in an hour or so Saturday morning. He says he is not sure, but is a certain fact that Reid will have to show that he was in Hamlet not later than 6:30 o'clock, or his alibi will fail. Sheriff Smith and Mayor Everett will

make a thorough investigation to see if Reid can establish the defence he claims. CARRIED BACK ANOTHER PRISONER.

Deputy Sheriff Cameron went back to Rockingham yesterday on the 1:30 o'clock p. m. train. He carried with him Will Roper, colored, who is wanted by the sheriff of Richmond county on the charge of shooting and almost killing Horace Goodson, colored, at Laurinburg, on the 1st of last January. Horace is widely known as the hotel porter at Laurinburg, and has been shot more than once from ambush by persons who had reason to believe that he had informed on them for retelling liquor without license.

Roper was before the last term of the criminal court in Wilmington, on the charge of false pretence, but he was acquitted. He was, however, held for the sheriff of Richmond county. He denies that he shot Goodson.

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The San Jose Scale  
Professor W. F. Massey, of Raleigh, professor of botany and horticulture in the college of agriculture and mechanic arts, and botanist and entomologist of the state agricultural experiment station, arrived in the city yesterday.

It will be remembered that the state for some time has been enforcing rigid quarantine regulations against the San Jose scale, the insect which is so detrimental to fruit trees. For a month Professor Massey has been traveling over the state making inspections with a view to extirpate the pest wherever it has appeared and to enforce the regulations to keep it from being brought here from other states where it has wrought such devastation in the nurseries and orchards. He is here on that business and today will go to Ivanhoe to make an inspection.

Professor Massey tells us that the San Jose scale does not exist in this state to any great extent and is not near so plentiful as was believed. In fact, he says there is only one place in the state (Southern Pines) where the scale is giving much trouble. He found one infected tree at Faison.

Under the regulations to stamp out the pest, no fruit tree are allowed to be shipped from any nursery in the state unless the shipment has a certificate that the trees are free from the scale, and no trees are allowed to be shipped into the state unless they bear a similar certificate. The steps taken by the state in this matter have been quite effective, and the efficient and active work along this line by those to whom it has been entrusted is deserving of high commendation.

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